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INFORMATION FROM: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: Comments on Note from [REDACTED]

REFERENCE: Your letter of 22 January 1958.

1. No data have become available which would cause this branch to change its evaluation of the status of a possible land transportation connection between Sakhalin and the Siberian mainland.

2. PW reports generally indicate that work was abandoned in 1953 or 1954. The few reports stating that work is still under way are almost all based on rumors or third hand reports. In addition, we have firm information that at least one such report was fabricated for newspaper consumption, in order to obtain some money.

3. This branch gives no credence to rumors of construction at this site. Reports are at best contradictory but generally negative, and, in addition, the economic and strategic advantages possibly to be gained by such a project do not seem commensurate with the effort and cost involved.

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4. This matter has been discussed with [REDACTED] and he concurs in this view.

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